

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

ROGER W. TITUS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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TO: Counsel of Record
FROM: Judge Roger W. Titus
RE: *United States of America v. Matt Nicka and Gretchen Peterson*
Criminal Case No. RWT 10-0777
DATE: December 11, 2014

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The parties are directed to comply with this Court's Order of October 6, 2014, ECF No. 901.

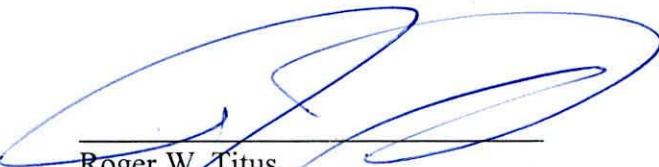
All pretrial motions are to be filed **on or before December 19, 2014**. While there may be some circumstances under which pretrial motions must, of necessity, be fairly limited as to details, the expectation of the Court is that any pertinent details will be included in a reply memorandum. Please remember that it is difficult for the Court to decide motions in a conscientious manner if pertinent facts or authorities are disclosed for the first time during the hearing on the motion.

Not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of trial, the parties shall jointly prepare and submit to the court proposed voir dire questions, jury instructions and a verdict form and submit, separately, any voir dire questions, jury instructions or verdict form upon which they are unable to agree. If the parties are in agreement as to any pattern jury instructions included in L. Sand, *et al.*, Modern Federal Jury Instructions: Criminal Pattern Instructions, (Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.), they need only submit a list of the instruction numbers in the order in which they are proposed to be submitted to the jury. If a modified form of a pattern jury instruction is proposed, it should be submitted in red-line format to highlight the changes.

On **January 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**, a status conference will be held before the undersigned. The status conference will be conducted by a telephone conference call initiated by counsel for the government. At the status conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss the following:

1. The status of any pending motions and whether there is any need for the filing of additional motions.
2. A report from counsel on the status of any negotiations between the parties that might lead to a plea agreement and, if so, removal of the case from the trial calendar and scheduling of a date for the entry of a guilty plea.
3. An updated estimate from both parties as to the length of the trial.
4. Whether there needs to be any change in the date of the trial and, if so, the establishment of a new trial date.
5. Any other matters relating to the scheduling of the trial.

Despite the informal nature of this memorandum, it shall constitute an Order of Court and be docketed accordingly.



Roger W. Titus
United States District Judge